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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the poor condition of ESI hospitals in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Goverment to improve their conditions;

(c) whether the Government propose to open super speciality ESI hospitals in some industrial areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) & (b) : The provisions of medical care under the ESI Schemeare being administered by the State Governments except in Delhi & NOIDA where it is being administered by the ESICdirect. There have been sporadic complaints about shortage of doctors, Para-medical staff, drugs, dressings, equipments etc. in some ESI hospitals of Uttar PRadesh. Such complaints, as and when received, are forwarded to the State Governments for taking appropriate remedial measures. In order to ensure availability of propoer medical care to the workers, the ESI Corporation has prescribed norms/guidelines for staffing and equipping of ESI hospitals.Recently, for bringing prompt improvement in working of the ESIhospitals, the ESIChas formulated an Action Plan and forwarded the same to the State Governments including Government of Uttar Pradesh for implementation in consultation with the ESIC.The Action Plan includes, inter-alia, purchase and installation of modern equipments in hospitals, stablishment of Regional Trauma Centres, establishment of Super-Speciality Services, Blood Banks, Cancer Prevention Centresetc. For improving resource position of the State Governmentsin administration of medical care, the ceiling on expenditure on medical care has been enhanced from Rs.500/- per insured person per annum to Rs.600/- per insured person per annum with effect from 1.4.1999. A Revolving Fund has been created to ensure prompt payment of advance/re-imbursement of expenditure in case of Super-Speciality treatment of the insured persons.

(c) to (e) : Under the Action Plan State Governments are required to develop Super-Speciality Services withirthe existing ESI hospitals. The proposal of the Government of Uttar Pradesh to develop such Super-Speciality Services will be considered as and when the same is received from the State.